

## ORDINANCE O-\_\_-14

### AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LANDSCAPING DESIGN AND MATERIALS FOR SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ at the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

The Common Council of the City of Menasha does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Article B, SEC.13-1-12(g) is amended:

- (4) Perimeter Landscaping. The front setback area shall be landscaped except for points of ingress and egress approved by the Plan Commission. At least one canopy tree, not less than 1.5 inch caliper shall be provided for every 35 linear feet along the perimeter of the site adjacent to the street. (This provision may be waived by the Plan Commission if the site is already wooded.) At least 25 percent of the perimeter area shall be landscaped utilizing plant material other than turf. Plant materials shall be comprised of a minimum of 25 percent evergreens but no more than 75 percent evergreens.
- (5) Parking Lot Landscaping.
  - a. *Perimeter Screening.* All parking lots adjacent to a street shall provide a landscaped buffer along the street not less than 8 feet in width. At least one canopy tree, not less than 1.5 inch caliper and five shrubs shall be provided for every 30 linear feet within the perimeter. Shrubs shall be maintained to a height of not less than three feet and shall be comprised of a minimum of 50 percent evergreens. The perimeter screening may be combined with the perimeter landscaping requirement in sub(4) above provided, however, that plantings of this section are required.
  - b. *Interior Landscaping Areas.* Parking lots 5,000 square feet or larger shall provide interior landscaping areas totaling not less than 10 percent of the parking area. Interior landscaping areas may include landscape islands, landscape peninsulas, or planting strips, or bio-retention for infiltration devices. Each such area must be a minimum area of 100 square feet and shall contain at least one canopy tree not less than 1.5 inch caliper, plus shrubs and/or groundcover. Turf is prohibited. Landscaped areas, including bio-retention devices, shall be protected by curbing or other means approved by the Plan Commission. Landscaped areas shall provide a minimum of 30 inches for vehicle overhang.
- (6) Bio-retention for Infiltration Devices. Perimeter and Parking Lot landscaping requirements pertaining to planting as enumerated in

subsections (4) and (5) may be supplanted, in whole or in part, by landscaping contained in bio-retention devices if the following requirements are met:

- a. Plantings contained in bio-retention devices are designed by a landscaping professional, reviewed and approved by Plan Commission as part of the overall landscape plan.
- b. Plant materials shall reflect varying heights, textures, species, and seasonal color, and be designed such that plantings look neat and orderly. Plantings used for the purpose of parking lot screening shall be maintained to a height of at least 3 feet when fully mature.
- c. Applicable requirements pertaining to the number and spacing of canopy trees may be modified only if accommodation of the bio-retention device expressly prohibits installation of the required amount or spacing of trees.
- d. Such infiltration devices must be part of an approved Stormwater Management Plan, as approved by the Department of Public Works.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2014.

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk